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Application of:

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DICARBOXYLIC ACIDS AND USES
THEREOF

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Examiner: TSOY, Elena

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above application on the merits, entry of the following amendment is requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.